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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Elliott G. Rucker
Sheriff
Calhoun County
St. Matthews, South Carolina 29135

Dear Sheriff Rucker:

Inquiry has been made as to whether a person who has been convicted of driving under the influence may serve as a deputy sheriff.

I advise that the law requires that all law enforcement officers must successfully complete training at the Criminal Justice Academy. As a condition to admission to that Academy, they must submit evidence that they hold valid current South Carolina driver licenses, with no record of conviction during the previous five (5) years for driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or dangerous drugs.

The effect of this is that one who has been convicted of driving under the influence during the last five (5) years may not possess powers of arrest or otherwise act as a law enforcement officer under the laws of this State.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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